

country in tours throughout the world. He has provided leadership to generations of marines through tours of duty as sergeant major of the Marine Corps Officer Candidates School, 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit, the 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, Headquarters U.S. Marine Corps Manpower and Reserve Affairs Division, and the 14th sergeant major of the Marine Corps.

His career culminated in his appointment as the first senior noncommissioned officer for Allied Command Operations to Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers Europe, the strategic NATO headquarters in Mons, Belgium. In that capacity, Sergeant Major McMichael has been instrumental in developing and elevating the role of the noncommissioned officer in the militaries of NATO member countries in order to enhance their military effectiveness.

With limited resources and with purpose of conviction, Sergeant Major McMichael has been responsible for the Armed Forces of predominantly former Soviet-block nations to adopt professional noncommissioned officer and staff noncommissioned officer programs. This momentous feat, accomplished virtually singlehandedly, is a landmark in the Alliance's 21st Century transformation. The United States and the NATO Alliance have been most fortunate to have had Sergeant Major McMichael within their ranks for over three decades.

The Department of the Navy, the U.S. Marine Corps, Congress, and the American people have been served extraordinarily well by this dedicated American. Members of this Congress will not soon forget the leadership, service, and dedication of Sergeant Major McMichael. He will be missed, yet his contributions will resonate far and deeply into the institutions to which he so well and faithfully devoted his life. From a grateful nation, we bestow our profound appreciation to Sergeant Major McMichael, his lovely wife Rita, and their daughter Portia, and offer our very best as they end an important chapter in their lives and embark upon a new journey. May they forever be counted in our blessings.●

MEASURES READ THE FIRST TIME

The following bill was read the first time:

S. 2467. A bill to enhance and improve the trade relations of the United States by strengthening United States trade enforcement efforts and encouraging United States trading partners to adhere to the rules and norms of international trade, and for other purposes.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-6098. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Envi-

ronmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Georgia: Approval of Revisions to the State Implementation Plan" (FRL8045-4) received on March 27, 2006; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6099. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Arkansas Update to Materials Incorporated by Reference" (FRL8022-1) received on March 27, 2006; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6100. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Maine; Architectural and Industrial Maintenance (AIM) Coatings Regulations" (FRL8038-1) received on March 27, 2006; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6101. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Texas; Permits by Rule" (FRL8045-5) received on March 27, 2006; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6102. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Clean Air Act Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plan Revision for Colorado; Long-Term Strategy of State Implementation Plan for Class I Visibility Protection; Withdrawal of Direct Final Rule" (FRL8044-4) received on March 27, 2006; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6103. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Testing of Certain High Production Volume Chemicals" (FRL7335-2) received on March 27, 2006; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6104. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Underground Storage Tank Program: Approved State Program for Pennsylvania" (FRL8011-3) received on March 27, 2006; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6105. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Rule to Reduce Interstate Transport of Fine Particulate Matter and Ozone (Clean Air Interstate Rule): Reconsideration" (FRL8047-9) received on March 27, 2006; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6106. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Resource Conservation and Recovery Act Burden Reduction Initiative" (FRL8047-3) received on March 27, 2006; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6107. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality

Implementation Plans; Indiana" (FRL8040-6) received on March 16, 2006; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6108. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revisions to the Nevada State Implementation Plan, Washoe County District Board of Health" (FRL8040-8) received on March 16, 2006; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6109. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Lakeview PM10 Maintenance Plan and Redesignation Request" (FRL8041-9) received on March 16, 2006; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6110. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; La Grande PM10 Maintenance Plan and Redesignation Request" (FRL8041-6) received on March 16, 2006; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6111. A communication from the Chairman, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a draft of proposed legislation which authorizes appropriations for fiscal year 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6112. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Fish, Wildlife and Parks, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Designation of Critical Habitat for *Astragalus lentiginosus* var *cochellae* (Coachella Valley milk-vetch)" (RIN1018-AT74) received on March 27, 2006; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6113. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Fish, Wildlife and Parks, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Designation of Critical Habitat for Four Vernal Pool Crustaceans and Eleven Vernal Pool Plants; Final Rule; Administrative Revisions" (RIN1018-AU06) received on March 27, 2006; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6114. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Fish, Wildlife and Parks, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Determinations of Endangered Status for the Salt Creek Tiger Beetle (*Cicindela nevadica lincolniana*)" (RIN1018-AJ13) received on March 27, 2006; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6115. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Fish, Wildlife and Parks, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Designation of Critical Habitat for *Navarretia fossalis* (spreading navarretia)" (RIN1018-AT86) received on March 27, 2006; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6116. A communication from the Chief, Division of Scientific Authority, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Final Rule to List the Tibetan Antelope as Endangered Throughout Its Range" (RIN1018-AF49) received on March 27, 2006; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.